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Honors program hosts open house

By Corey Meissner
Staff Writer

In an attempt to better familiarize students and faculty with the program, Salisbury University's Honors Program held an open house on Thursday, September 28.

In addition to offering a variety of challenging courses, the Honors Program gives enrolled students opportunities to interact with each other.

Recently, the Honors Program took students on a camping trip to Cape Henlopen and Cape May.

On October 4 at 4 p.m., Professor Tim Dunn will present a "Mind Shrapnel 'n' Cookies" lecture entitled "Fences, Neighbors, Crisis? Reflections on Immigration Reform and Border Enforcement" at the Honors House, and all are welcome to attend.

Other upcoming Honors Program events include a workshop on graduate school presented by Career Services, and the yearly Halloween party.

Current undergrads with GPA's of 3.5 or higher are invited to apply for admission to the Honors program.



Photo By Sarah Wright/The Flyer

Honors Program Assistant Director Dr. Morrison (right) chats with faculty at the Honors Open House.

Tia's shocks Salisbury with sudden closing



Photos By Tom Ruch/The Flyer

The only explanation offered by Tia's was a sign on the door that read: Due to a totally unforeseen event our parent company has chosen to close all of their Tia's Tex Mex locations. We really appreciate all the patrons who have consistently made us one of the top performing restaurants in our company. Thank you, we truly enjoyed serving you. Please direct any further concerns to www.tiastextmex.com

By Sean Gossard
News Editor

Many were shocked this week to hear that the Mexican bar and restaurant Tia's Tex-Mex closed due to bankruptcy.

The call came in Tuesday around lunchtime when the parent company, Julio & Son's, called to tell the restaurant not to seat any further customers.

People were being turned down through the day, the patrons inside were allowed to finish their meal

before not being allowed to return.

All that is left is a note on the front door reading, "Due to a totally unforeseen event our parent company has chosen to close all of their Tia's Tex Mex Locations. We really appreciate all the patrons who have consistently made us one of the top performing restaurants in our company, Thank you, we truly enjoyed serving you. Please direct any further concerns to 972-554-6886 or www.tiastextmex.com."

The site listed in the note is down and offers no explanation to the

closing.

According to an attorney for the restaurant chain, sales have continually declined until the restaurant was no longer profitable.

The Texas based restaurant chain settled for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on Tuesday, September 26. When filing for bankruptcy Tia's Restaurant Inc. listed \$12.8 million in assets and \$22.5 million in debt.

The Tia's chain included 13 restaurants from Texas to Florida and a few in Maryland.

Known for its Margarita's,

Mexican beer and fun atmosphere Tia's has been a hot spot for Salisbury students for years, especially nights like Cinco de Mayo, a Mexican holiday traditionally celebrated by drinking.

It is uncertain how many people lost their jobs with this bankruptcy. Tia's was an employer of several students from Salisbury.

Now fans of Mexican cuisine may visit Cactus Taverna, Plaza Tapatia or Las Margaritas.

SU contemplating dropping SAT requirements

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

Due to a sudden need for population growth, SU administrators are in the process of getting the authorization to waive the mandatory submission of SAT scores for prospective student applicants.

This population growth will allow SU to receive the funding needed for current and future building projects including the TETC building, Perdue School of Business building, parking garage and new library.

In a September 28 e-mail that was sent to the entire SU community, SU Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs Tom Jones said, "We know that many quality institutions have adopted a policy of optional SAT/ACT submission. Our enrollment management experts believe that having an optional SAT policy would increase the applicant pool, and would help us reach our enrollment targets while possibly not hurting dramatically the overall quality and potential for success of our incoming students."

According to Jones, SU plans to add 300 more students to the 1000 that are usually accepted every year. This will reflect a need for funds to expand campus facilities. The waiving of the mandatory submission of SAT scores will attract students who have relatively low scores but good high school records.

Competition with other schools in the Maryland University System will be tighter than ever in the fall of 2007. Towson is adding 800 more students on top of what they already accept and the University of Baltimore, a 2-year institution, will become a 4-year institution in 2007 and will be offering free tuition and fees for all in-coming

freshmen.

Jones said, "We are a little concerned about the competition and we are looking for tools to help broaden our appeal."

The decision as to whether or not SU begins the process of adopting this new policy lies with the Faculty Senate; a group of teachers who represent the whole faculty. Jones presented the idea to the faculty on Tuesday, September 26.

Jones is hoping to receive a decision no later than October 18; which is the date of the upcoming system-wide provost state meeting. Jones must present this decision to the other provosts in order to initiate the lengthy approval process.

The Board of Regents has a policy stating that every applicant must submit an SAT score. SU would have to get a waiver from the Board. From here, the request must be presented to the final Board in December. After final approval, SU recruiters can immediately begin to use this as a tool for recruitment.

Should the proposal make it through the final stage of approval, it is not necessarily concrete. After a three year trial run, SU administrators will be performing an assessment to look at students GPA's and retention rates. If the results show that students are getting worse grades and dropping out in larger numbers, SU will put the SAT requirement back on to the application.

"Growth is an art. The art to this is to expand and grow and to still get the same quality students that we have been getting all along. We're not entirely sure how to do this which is why the issue of the SAT's came up," said Jones.

Any comments, concerns, and/or questions on this issue can be directed to Tom Jones.

Ocean City holds 25th annual Oktoberfest

By Corey Meissner
Staff Writer

Ocean City will hold its 25th annual Oktoberfest celebration from October 6-8 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

Ocean City's Oktoberfest features traditional German food, including roasted nuts, funnel cake, and apple strudel. For those who simply can't get enough of German cuisine, there is a frankfurter eating contest which awards \$500 to the winner.

German bands and dancers will be entertaining crowds all weekend long, and couples wishing to show off their Bavarian dancing skills can enter Saturday's dance contest. There will also be a craft show

adjacent to Oktoberfest.

Admission is free to those wearing traditional German, Bavarian, or Austrian clothing. All others can expect to pay \$6/day, \$5 with a student ID.

Ocean City will also be hosting their annual Endless Summer Cruisin' event at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot the same weekend.

The car show features 1500 hot rods, customs, classics and more accompanied by live entertainment, commercial vendors and special attractions.

For more information contact Jack Hennen at 410-798-6304 or visit: www.specialeventpro.com/endless.php

Story Brief

Cross country comes out on top

The Salisbury University cross-country teams were in full stride this weekend for the Tidewater Classic, held at Winter Place Park, the Gulls' home course. The men's team finished in third out of a field of 12 teams, and the women took home second place out of 14. Both squads had their work cut out for them coming into Saturday's meet, facing an impressive Mount Union College, who boast a top-25 ranked team.



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Harassment by law

Police. I don't know of a single campus student that likes to hear that word. This is because usually that word is paired with the "busting" of parties, the arrests of friends, and pulling college students over to ask that favorite question, "Have you been drinking tonight?" Rarely do you hear the words, the police found my stolen bike or they caught the guys who held up all those students in University Park.

If any one reading this lives off campus they are probably aware just how annoying the police can be. Constantly circling the areas they know students reside, targeting cars with Salisbury University or Greek stickers, and blaming any type of vandalism or destruction of property that occurs in Salisbury on the students. I mean it's not like there are three different high schools in the immediate Salisbury area or gangs or other people that could be

doing these things.

There was a house last fall that allegedly held two parties in the beginning of the year. Both of these "disturbances" were reported within the first forty days of the school year. Every weekend for the entire school year after that the police deemed it necessary to have patrol cars circle the house, sometimes even parking directly behind the house. This continued for five months until they again were able to find something else to charge against the people living in the house: parking violations and a 50 foot noise violation. How do you charge the residence of a house with noise violations when it's a public alley in which they park and where none of their vehicles were illegally parked? And 50 feet is like standing on the edge of the quad and hearing the voices of two people in the center of it.

Continuing with this story, the police started to arrest the people that lived in the house almost six months later. I guess it took them a while to decide who would be the example for this years student body. The police did not just arrest the residence of the house, (who had moved out of that house more than three months prior to said arrests) they used a strategy to strike as much fear and embarrassment into the minds of these young men as possible. They planned to pull each student out of class one at a time, dividing each student and making them feel utterly alone in their plight.

Let's go deeper into this story and concentrate on just one student. This student had a police officer stand in his classroom for about 20 minutes for the professor to conclude her lecture. The officer then announced with a warrant in hand

to the entire class that she required a certain student. The officer took the student to the University Police office. No one would tell him why he was being arrested but they did so kindly add that as long as he went quietly they wouldn't cuff him and walk him off campus. For over an hour he sat handcuffed in a chair waiting for the city police to come pick him up.

After his transportation to the city he was escorted to sit in a cement holding cell, handcuffed to the bench between his legs. An officer then came in and accused him of skipping out on a trial date. The student had no idea what the officer was talking about, he had never even heard of this trial that he, according to the officer, skipped. His information was taken and he was left in his new cell for close to two hours. They later transported him to the Salisbury jail. On the way to the jail

a different officer finally enlightened the student to why he was arrested; three alleged parties that occurred during the last school semester.

The man was searched, his belt taken so he couldn't hurt himself, photos and finger prints were taken, and he was yet again placed in another holding cell. Thankfully, after four hours in handcuffs they were finally removed at the jail. In his holding cell he got to converse with an elderly gentleman who was in there for shooting someone.

Do you think the system did a good job scaring the young man? For an hour he was processed then forced to wait for a meeting with the commissioner to hear if he would be spending the night in jail or released. The commissioner deems him safe to release and he is given back his possessions and almost shoved out the door to find his own

way home. Take in mind that the student only knew that he was at jail and had no clue in where in Salisbury that is.

The police have picked their scapegoat for this year. Five students are being used to try and intimidate an entire campus. This goes further than a students' right to gather and participate in social events. The issue is whether the police should be allowed to harass and intimidate students as they do. The police are not going after a house that had parties every day. They are not going after a house that showed disrespect and violence toward their officers. They are attempting to send a message through their harassment of student housing, student drivers, and the student body in general; students are second class citizens here in Salisbury and shall be treated as so.

Chairman explains University of Maryland Student Council

Dear Salisbury University Student Body:

Welcome to the 2006-07 academic year! I hope that this correspondence finds you well.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Brian S. Bailey and I am the Chair of the University of Maryland Student Council (USMSC).

What is the USMSC? What is the purpose of the USMSC? The USMSC is one of four councils established during the restructuring of higher education in Maryland in 1988 to provide advice to the Chancellor, who serves as Chief Executive Officer of the University System of Maryland, and to the Board of Regents, the System's governing body. The USMSC provides a vehicle to ensure that the System's leader-

ship is aware of student perspectives and responsive to student concerns and issues. Each of the eleven degree-granting institutions is entitled to two representatives to the USMSC. The USMSC along with the student member of the Board of Regents, represent the approximately 130,000 students, undergraduate and graduate, across the System.

There are USMSC committees for Academic Affairs, Government Affairs, and Student Affairs.

The Salisbury University student body is represented on the USMSC by Joshua Wick (jw71003@salisbury.edu) and Kevin Dallaire (Kd03762@salisbury.edu).

I along with your USMSC representatives maintain close ties to your campus student leadership and keep ourselves abreast of the issues they

are dealing with while continually evaluating how such issues might be dealt with on the system wide level. Please contact us if you know of specific system wide issues you believe the USMSC should be examining.

Please feel free to visit the USMSC website at <http://www.usmd.edu/usm/workgroups/StudentCouncil/>

Best regards,
- Brian S. Bailey

Fall into the season of break ups

By Mateo Samper
Staff Writer

It's October and autumn is here. The leaves are changing colors and falling, birds are migrating and if you listen closely enough you can probably hear the sounds of hearts breaking across campus. That's because according to several studies, October is the month when long-distance relationships in college fall apart faster than the foliage in a large redwood forest.

So what you ask? Break ups are a normal aspect of life. The problem is most people out there are so concerned about hurting the other person's feelings that they dance around the real reason and come up with a half-baked excuse that doesn't make sense.

Let's face facts people: if you're breaking up with someone they are going to get hurt. And if you're going to break someone's heart at least have the common courtesy to tell him or her the cold hard truth. "But I don't want to hurt his feelings," you might say.

Well guess what? The way I see it when two people start dating, they are practically signing a consent waiver that says, "I, John Undergrad, fully acknowledge that by dating Lisa I myself am putting myself at risk to have my still beating heart ripped out of my chest tossed in a blender and set on frappe for 20 minutes. Furthermore, I will not be compensated for my loss of tears, time or money in the event of a break up."

So if you can't sign below on the dotted line than don't get in to a relationship.

"I think we need to go on a break," you might say. Are you kidding me? Let me tell you something else: a couple that goes on a break is a couple that wants to

break up but is too afraid to actually pull the trigger. Get over it, one of you is obviously unhappy so why prolong the inevitable? It's better to just rip it off like a band-aid in one painful motion than think about it for another couple of weeks in which your significant other will probably notice that something isn't right.

Then there's the classic, "It's not you, it's me routine," probably the most ridiculous and transparent reason in the history of break ups. If you get this from your significant other you should probably ask yourself how dumb does he think I am? The only acceptable way to use this line is to say, "It's not you, it's me. I just don't like you anymore."

But come on, you don't like them anymore because they have become either a) boring and annoying or b) less attractive to you in some way so ipso facto it's them, not you and you're still a liar.

Nice guys finish last, it's a proven fact. Meaning if you're the kind of guy that opens doors and pulls out chairs but always gets stuck in the role of best friend and not boyfriend, you have probably heard the line, "You're a really great guy, but I'm just not ready to for a committed relationship right now."

That one has a particularly unpleasant sting to it because what they really mean is I don't want to be in a committed relationship with you. Congratulations, you are such a great friend that she no longer acknowledges the fact that you are in a man anymore. You've won a lifetime supply of teary eyed phone calls at 2 a.m. because someone who doesn't care about her as much as you do broke her heart and she needs you to superglue it back together. As soon as someone she actually likes comes along, poof all of a sudden she is ready for a

relationship. Then you're number one on the speed dial when they need a shoulder to cry on, but come Friday or Saturday night, you're riding the junior varsity friend bench.

"I think we need to see other people." Translation; I really want to see other people because there is this really cute guy/girl in my biology class and I think he/she really likes me! You know it's just going to hurt that much more when you start dating another person a week later and your ex is still picking up the sour emotional candy bits that fell all over the ground when you busted his or her heart open like a piñata.

There is always my personal favorite: "I think we should just be friends." Hate to break it to the person doing the dumping, but if you are breaking up with someone, that's not your decision to make. The person who says this expects everything to be gum drops and lollipops and forgets the fact that the person they just broke up with probably doesn't want to see them around because bumping in to someone that broke up with you and wants to be friends can make you sick to your stomach, since you have to suppress all your feelings for them like a five year old kid who downed six cokes at lunch while on a three hour road trip.

So before you break up with someone do yourselves both a favor and forget about all these cliché lines. Time supposedly heals all wounds, so just be honest with the person. And if your just plain sick of all the lies and heartache that come with relationships, I hear there are a lot of job openings for nuns and monks.

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LIFE & STYLE

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Student Spotlight

LaPlume takes life head on

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Imagine getting a 4.0 GPA. Most students would kill to get that just once throughout their college career. Yet, Kristen LaPlume has done it almost every year she has been at SU. The exercise science major is in her final year and if that isn't enough, she is a semester ahead.

When asked about her outrageous GPA, she laughed. "I am really obsessed about my grades," LaPlume says. In addition, she is passionate about her major, which only makes her work ethic that much stronger. "I just love my major," she states.

It seems like the perfect major for such a physically active student. "In high school I played field hockey

"Being active is important to me and I am glad that my major promotes that."

Kristen LaPlume
Student Spotlight

and lacrosse," she explains. "Being active is important to me and I am glad that my major promotes that." To add to her outstanding GPA, she fills up any spare time maintaining a major role in her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA).

A sorority is a time consuming commitment, one that LaPlume has learned to handle quite gracefully. "Being in a sorority is a lot of work

but it made me a more organized person," she says. "It definitely promotes time management." LaPlume's dedication to her sorority is unfaltering and when she speaks of her sisters and their organization, one can tell that she is proud to be a ZTA.

This year she has a new role. "I am the ZTA New Member Mom—it's time consuming but it's one of my main focuses right now," she explains. "This year we have 10 new girls. They're great."

She's not done after graduation. "I plan to go back to school to get my certification in Physical Education," she says. "Through my major I have discovered that it's my passion." It seems as if LaPlume has everything planned out so far. She knows what she wants out of life and is running towards it full speed.

As if life couldn't get any sweeter she is lucky enough to have her boyfriend attend SU as well. Just six months ago, he proposed and LaPlume accepted. Seeing that beautiful ring on her hand was a sight for sore eyes.

The happy couple has already set a date. "We are getting married this summer in June," she smiles. Many would assume that it would be a tough feat to have your fiancé here, plan a wedding, play a major role in a sorority and maintain stellar grades. But not for Kristen LaPlume: she is a woman who can do it all.



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Local NFL fans at SU show spirit and support

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

"Crab cakes and football, that's what Maryland does." A quote from *Wedding Crashers* and everyone in Maryland seems to know it by heart. Well, here at SU, this saying seems to be prevalent on campus during the current football season.

With SU being a Maryland state school, there are many loyal football fans of the two closest football teams: the Baltimore Ravens and the Washington D.C. Redskins. With both teams' stadiums located in Maryland, this leaves the Salisbury fan base split in two.

Just walking around campus one can see many students decked out in a Redskins backpack or a Ravens jersey. From facebook.com groups

to AIM profiles, people make it known which team they are rooting for—as well as the team in which they, quite frankly, hate.

"Every time I look at someone's profile I see their team's name in huge, bolded letters," says junior Kori Parker. "Everyone is so proud to let the world know who they are rooting for."

Although most students prefer to keep the rivalry fun and amicable, the rivalry between Redskins and Ravens' fans here can get a little dirty.

"I don't like the Redskins at all," says Ravens fan Justin Hamilton. "But I don't dislike Redskins fans either. In fact, I think it's fun to argue with them about our two teams."

Yet, some other students prefer to be a little tougher on the opposing

teams' fans because of their loyalty to their own team.

"If the Ravens played the Redskins they would win, just like in pre-season," Nick Strong, a junior, says. "And I really do not like Redskins fans at all, but some of my friends are fans."

But this tension between the two teams definitely doesn't ruin anyone's fun. All fans enjoy the season and friends of opposing teams still enjoy watching the games together.

Some students get involved in the season for the sole reason of the fun rivalry. And, with SU not having a nationally ranked football team, many students look elsewhere to get their "football fix" during this season. Sometimes fans get involved just to show their team spirit.

"I was raised a Redskins fan but the sole reason I walk around campus with my Skins' jersey on is because I love having team spirit," Nickie Sunderlin says. "It's fun to be a part of a rivalry between two teams who are so close."

Although they encompass a smaller portion of the campus, there are other football fans at SU. There are several supporters of the Philadelphia Eagles, the New York Giants and the Pittsburgh Steelers, as well as many others.

"I have been and always will be a die-hard Giants' fan—no matter what state I am in," senior Colleen Reynolds says.

No matter what team you're rooting for, football season is in full effect. So pick a team if you don't already have one and enjoy the entertaining rivalry here on campus.

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I have these two friends that live below me. They're great, but there's one problem...they are ALWAYS in my apartment. I mean it feels like they are there more than I am! I know they are friends with my roommate also but when I come in they always come to my room and talk to me. I have schoolwork and it's annoying and disrespecting! It seems like they have no idea what personal space is, or schoolwork that should keep them busy. What do I do?

They probably do have some idea what personal space is but you haven't set any boundaries for them to cross. So to start, you need to tell them that when they need to go, they need to go. If it's schoolwork that needs to be done, they should be able to understand that and go hang with the other roommates. Second, you don't have to be rude about it, but you have to be honest and firm with what you have on your plate as far as work is concerned. Third, possibly to keep people away, close your door so that you have your alone time. Other options would be to just go to a dorm or complex lounge and study. Also the old-fashioned library is one of the greatest places to go; that is of course, if you are studying between the hours that it is open. If those friends don't have schoolwork, so be it. That's their workload (which seems somewhat hard to believe). If they do have schoolwork and never do it, so be it. That's their grade. You are concerned about your grade and what you pull out of the class so let them know!

I can't do all of those action, bang, blow up movies with my boyfriend all of the time. It's so hard because I don't care for them that much, I'd like to have a change once in a while. And once I do, it seems like it's the worst thing in the world. I don't understand why he doesn't compromise on my behalf when I only want the mushy, mushy stuff once in a while. How do I work with him?

Sometimes guys can be stubborn when it comes to movies. But sometimes it may not be as hard as you think. A good idea instead of just appearing to a movie and saying, "lets go watch this" would be to show him movie trailers and reviews of the movie. I'm pretty sure there's got to be some time when he wants to make you happy, so let him know that it would please you very much if he went to the specific movie that you want to see. Other ideas could include setting a ratio to movies, like two actions for one romance and have him agree on that. Or if you want to be firm, let him know what you do and don't want to see because you don't always have to go see a gory movie if it isn't your taste. There's always the idea of having him see the gory movies with guys and you watch the romances with the girls and finally having you two agree on a movie together so that all is solved.

Advice of the week:

So the first batches of exams are over and some of us did well and some of us didn't do so well. If you didn't, take the time to talk to the teacher and find out why that is. Talk over each problem and maybe you can find some good solutions as to why. Some people get it well and some of us have to work a little harder for that grade. Either way, sometimes it's not about how long you study but what you study in your spare time. The content is a key factor for exams and with notions of what the professor is looking, you are sure to do well. Understanding the problem in how you study can contribute to you changing around your grades. Time and effort will pay off but just keep up the dedication! Good luck!

Faculty Spotlight

Professor's passion for biology revealed

By Diana Westenberger
Staff Writer

Professor Betty Lou Smith is a senior lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences. She is the coordinator of Biology 101, which has 22 different sections. There are only four or five other professors to teach all of these courses, so she does not have much time to focus on others. She has been teaching full-time at SU since 1992. She has attended a multitude of Universities including Cabrini College, where she received her Bachelors. University of Delaware, where she was a medical technician, Salisbury University, where she received her Masters and University of Maryland, College Park, where she finally received her PhD.

As a previous student of SU, she came back to teach here because, "[I] always wanted to teach at a university level and I loved the institution." Her and her family had already been living in Salisbury, so it was also a convenient choice.

Smith is involved with a Grant Program with the Eastern Shore Science Academy. This program offers a grant funded to increase the content knowledge for middle and high school science teachers. It is easy to see that her primary focus is always on education in and outside the classroom.

"I love the kids and the subject too much to be doing anything else."

Prof. Betty Lou Smith
Faculty Spotlight

When asked about the most positive thing about Salisbury she replied happily without hesitation. "[The] students, hands down," she smiles. "The enthusiasm they have empowers my enthusiasm to come out to its full extent."

Smith has an extreme interest in the field of biology and has a great wealth of knowledge for the subject. "If I can get students interested in biology, I feel extremely successful," she says.

When asked what she would be doing if she was not teaching at SU, she thought for a second before answering as if the answer was obvious. She laughs: "Probably teaching students somewhere in some capacity! I love the kids and the subject too much to be doing anything else."

When asked about her hobbies outside of the classroom, she was quick to respond. "Gosh, what don't I like," she exclaims. It turns out that she not only has a passion



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for teaching biology but when she is outside of the classroom, she also loves deep-sea fishing and boating.

Smith said her favorite moments of teaching are what make the job worthwhile. "Those [moments] in which students come to me and say they hated biology before they came here, but I was able to make it interesting," she explains.

Smith's enthusiasm is obvious the

first time she walks into a room. Her top priorities are the students she is teaching. "Students know when you enjoy what you are doing and enjoy teaching it," Smith says. "Teaching and science are two things I enjoy. I want kids to know that I love being there everyday and love being able to share my knowledge of biology with them."

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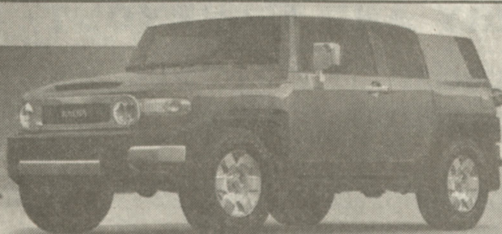
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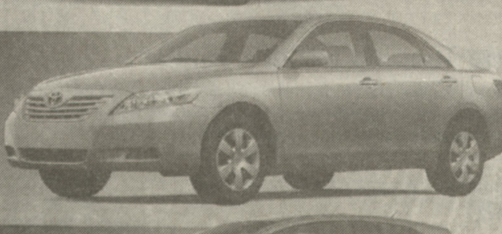
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Editorial

Assault, Pac-man and T.O.

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

A couple of things struck me watching Sunday's games that seemed very ordinary and completely peculiar. First, there is the whole Albert Haynesworth issue; how big of a mental lapse does it take for a 6'-6" 320 lbs man to think that it is ok to spike someone in the face?

Haynesworth, the starting defensive tackle for the Tennessee Titans, literally pulled Andre Gurode helmet off and then stomped on his face not once but twice. And then he went ballistic on the referees trying to argue that he had done nothing wrong. I'm sorry but you can't get away with stomping on some other guys face. After the game Haynesworth said "I'm not a dirty player." How can you claim to the media that they're not a "dirty" player after such a disgusting act? Haynesworth should have gone to jail Sunday for assault. It turns out that Gurode, the Cowboys' center, didn't even

provoke the act claiming that the two weren't talking trash before the incident.

Haynesworth is lucky that the damage done wasn't more serious, Gurode walked away with 25 stitches from 7 different cuts on his face. This incident could have been much worse, if Haynesworth struck him in the temple or did major damage to Gurode's eye the football world would have been turned upside down. In any manner this man should not be allowed to play football for at least 8 weeks, if not the season, he committed an act of assault on the football field.

Meaning he is unable to differentiate between simply what is right and what is wrong, he intentionally tried to do harm to a helpless and defenseless player. Titans head coach Jeff Fisher has already said that if the league's punishment is insufficient he will discipline the player as well.

Shifting gears, I want to get my two cents in about T.O. The man is a great football player, incredible size, unbelievable hands, lightning speed, but he is a straight up whack-job as a person. From sharpies to pom-poms to almost overdosing on pain medication? Owens refuses to not be newsworthy, all summer it was his hamstring, then he broke his finger, and now he has an "accidental overdose." At his press conference introducing him as a Cowboy, Owens told the fans to "get your popcorn ready." I don't think that Cowboys fans were actually expecting a Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus to break out.

And to think that this week could be even more jammed pack with T.O. coverage with his return to Philadelphia coming on Sunday. Philly fans are renowned for their spite (remember these are the people that boo'd Santa Clause) what is going to happen when Owens, who ruined their team and season single handedly last year, enters Lincoln Financial field. You never know, we might actually hear some of the boos all the way here in Salisbury.

But even that can't top what Adam "Pac-man" Jones did after the Dallas-Tennessee game. After getting torched by the Cowboy's

receivers for nearly 180 yards through the air, the former first round pick who has yet to accomplish anything in the NFL did the unthinkable. No he didn't spike someone in the face, or take to many pain pills, but after T.O. and the rest of the Dallas receiving core ran right past him all day he asked for T.O.'s shoes. Really? After you get shown up all game, you want the guy's shoes? Owens did lead the team in receptions (5) and in yards (88) but he didn't get into the endzone, he didn't have a milestone day. The shoes don't have any real historical implications, T.O. didn't break any records or do something fantastic. So why did Pac-man want them in the first place? If Jones ever wants to be a star in the NFL he's needs to get his head on straight.

Pac-man since being made the sixth overall pick in the 2005 draft has zero interceptions, he has proven nothing in this league, except that he knows how to get into trouble. Jones has been involved with three separate incidents at nightclubs, been charged with disorderly conduct and was in court for an alleged assault. And apparently he doesn't care about getting shown-up. There is no way that after someone beat me, the way that T.O. beat Jones, that I would want to give them the honor of asking for their cleats. To me it shows disrespect to your whole team to do something like that. Luckily for Jones, head coach Jeff Fisher's attention is already consumed by another pair of cleats.

Student Athlete Spotlight

Petrecca sets good example for Gulls

By Andrew Martin
Staff Writer

Senior setter Abbey Petrecca leads the volleyball team in assists, averaging over 10 a game. The 2003 CAC rookie of the year and two time all-CAC team member hopes to carry the Gulls all the way to the NCAA tournament. The athletic training major will graduate this spring.

What is your favorite place in Salisbury? Any place but just pick one...

The Teachers Pizzeria across from UP.

In high school I was interested in volleyball, but I could never get the knack for setting. Do you have any advice for me?

Quiet Hands.

Do you have any goals for this season?

I would like to win the CAC's and go to the NCAA tournament.

Do you wish you could play any other position(s) on the volleyball team?

I would play any position as long as I was on the court and starting, it doesn't matter.

Do you have any plans for after



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graduation?

I want to go to graduate school.

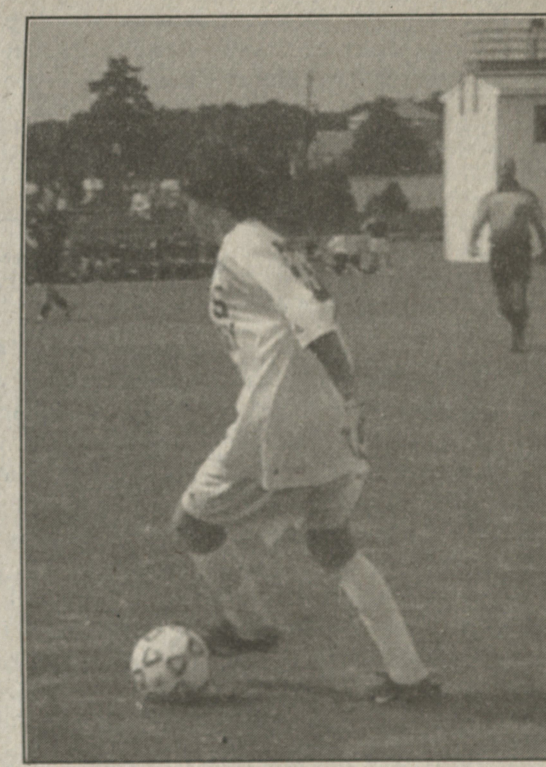
What are your favorite hobbies or other sports you like to play?

I like water sports and the beach but I don't really have enough time for anything else right now because I spend too much time in the athletic training room.

What is it like to be the only senior on the team this year?

I don't think it's that bad, I haven't gotten to close to one person over the last four years. It gives me an opportunity to get close with everyone on the team.

Men's soccer takes down Greensboro College



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The men's soccer team defeated Greensboro 6-2 which increases their record to 6-2-1.

By Sarah Hendricks
Staff Writer

Salisbury's men's soccer team (6-2-1) defeated Greensboro College (2-6-1) Saturday afternoon 5-2. From the start the game was very physical, during the first half alone there were four yellow cards given out and Greensboro's Eric Hatchett received a red card forcing the team to play a man down.

The other team was very aggressive and physical but we kept our composure," said junior Zach Grubb.

Nick Malone got the Gulls on the board scoring on a pass from Kyle Sterling after 26 minutes of play, beating Greensboro's goalie to the lower right corner.

Salisbury's defense played well but Greensboro knotted the score at one with only two minutes left in the half, after Robert Fricke scored

on a penalty kick.

"We knew they'd come out real hard, but no matter what we needed to stay in the game and keep getting the ball to the outside to try and score," said sophomore Tyler Sugg.

The second half continued to be physical with a second Greensboro player, Drew Griffith, receiving a red card, causing Greensboro to play two men down for the rest of the match.

The Sea Gulls second goal was scored off of a penalty kick by Scott Sparrow giving the Gulls a 2-1 advantage. But only minutes later Greensboro's Josh Strable scored on a cross from Jay Wyatt to tie up the score once again.

Within the same minute of Greensboro's second goal, Salisbury took back the lead with Malone scoring his second goal off of an assist by Captain Wjij Jones.

Salisbury's offense was unrelenting and continued firing shots on goal. Sterling scored the next Salisbury goal unassisted off of a rebounded shot.

The fifth and final goal was scored with 10 minutes left in the game by Grubb, who blasted a shot from the top of eighteen yard box. Grubb said, "We battled through adversity to win this game."

Despite Greensboro's rough play, the Gulls played strong, out-shooting Greensboro 24-7. Captain T.J. Nairn said, "We played really well and tried to focus on playing more straightforward in the second half."

Men's soccer will host St. Mary's College Wednesday, October 4 at 4 p.m.

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